

| Netanyahu-Abraham quotes  |
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| I feel deeply honored and privileged to stand here before you today representing the citizens of the state of Israel. We are an ancient people. We date back nearly 4,000 years to <b>Abraham, Isaac and Jacob</b> . We have journeyed through time. We've overcome the greatest of adversities.  |
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| Now this is not easy for me. It's not easy because I recognize that in a genuine peace we will be required to give up parts of the <b>ancestral Jewish homeland</b> .   |
| The attacks against us began in the 1920s, 20 years before the Holocaust. And the undeniable historical fact is that the Jewish people and the land of Israel go back over 3,500 years - when <b>Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, forefathers of all Jews; David and Solomon</b> , ancient Israel's two greatest kings; and <b>Isaiah and Jeremiah</b> , two of the Jewish religion's greatest spiritual prophets, all lived in what was then Judea and Samaria, which today is called the West Bank.  |
| The connection of the Jewish People to the Land has been in existence for more than 3,500 years. Judea and Samaria, the places where <b>our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob</b> walked, our forefathers <b>David, Solomon, Isaiah and Jeremiah</b> - this is not a foreign land, this is <b>the Land of our Forefathers</b> . (Applause)   |
| The right of the Jewish people to a state in the land of Israel does not derive from the catastrophes that have plagued our people. True, for 2,000 years the Jewish people suffered expulsions, pogroms, blood libels, and massacres which culminated in a Holocaust - a suffering which has no parallel in human history.   |
| The right to establish our sovereign state here, in the Land of Israel, arises from one simple fact: <b>Eretz Israel is the birthplace of the Jewish People</b> .   |
| These are part of <b>the ancestral land of the Jewish people, the Land of Israel</b> .  |
| <b>This is the inheritance of our ancestors. This is our land.</b>  |
| We are here to stay forever. There will be no more uprooting of settlements in the land of Israel. <b>This is the inheritance of our ancestors. This is our land.</b>   |
| We are talking about, in fact, areas that are part of <b>the ancestral Jewish homeland</b> . Judea - that's where the word Jew comes from, that's where we have been for thousands of years. The same thing applies to Samaria. These are areas that are very, very precious to us from an historical and national point of view.   |
| <b>This is the land of our forefathers</b> , the Land of Israel, to which <b>Abraham</b> brought the idea of one God, where <b>David</b> set out to confront Goliath, and where <b>Isaiah</b> saw a vision of eternal peace. No distortion of history can deny the four thousand year old bond, between the Jewish people and the Jewish land.  |
| UNESCO declared the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron a Palestinian World Heritage site. That's worse than fake news. That's fake history. Mind you, it's true that <b>Abraham, the father of both Ishmael and Isaac</b> , is buried there, but so too are <b>Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca – Sarah</b> is a Jewish name, by the way – and <b>Leah</b> , who just happen to be patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jewish people. You won't read about that in the latest UNESCO report. But if you want to, you can read about that in a somewhat weightier publication – it's called the Bible. I highly recommend it. I hear it even got 4 ½ out of 5 stars on Amazon. And it's a great read. I read it every week. |
| I recognize that in a genuine peace, we'll be required to give up parts of <b>the ancestral Jewish homeland</b> . And you have to understand this: In Judea and Samaria, the Jewish people are not foreign occupiers. We're not the British in India. We're not the Belgians in the Congo. <b>This is the land of our forefathers</b> , the land of Israel, to which <b>Abraham</b> brought the idea of one God, where <b>David</b> set out to confront Goliath, and where <b>Isaiah</b> saw a vision of eternal peace.   |
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| Ever since <b>Abraham and Sarah</b> made their journey to the promised land nearly 4,000 years ago, the Land of Israel has been our homeland. It's the place where <b>Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel</b> carried on their eternal covenant with God.   |
| In Israel, we walk the same paths tread by our patriarchs <b>Abraham, Isaac and Jacob</b> . But we blaze new trails in science, technology, medicine, agriculture.  |
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| Netanyahu - UN - 2013 : I feel deeply honoured and privileged to stand here before the General Assembly today representing the citizens of the State of Israel. We are an ancient people. We date back nearly 4,000 years to <b>Abraham, Isaac and Jacob</b> . We have journeyed through time. We have overcome the greatest of adversities. And we re-established our sovereign State in our ancestral homeland, the land of Israel.   |
| Netanyahu - UN - 2011 There is an old Arab saying that one cannot applaud with one hand. Well, the same is true of peace. I cannot make peace alone. I cannot make peace without an interlocutor. President Abbas, I extend my hand - the hand of Israel - in peace. I hope that he will grasp that hand. <b>We are both the sons of Abraham. My people call him Avraham; his people call him Ibrahim</b> . We share the same patriarch. We dwell in the same land. Our destinies are intertwined. Let us realize the vision of Isaiah: “The people who walk in darkness will see a great light". (The Holy Bible, Isaiah 9:2). Let that light be the light of peace.   |